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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group of the Commission on Sustainable Development met from 24 February to 7 March, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/113. The Working Group held ___ meetings (1st to ___ meetings).

2. The meeting was opened by the temporary chairman, Mr. Paul de Jongh (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

3. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

4. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement.

B. Attendance

5. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, the European Community and for one non-member State and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. [A list of participants will be included in the final report as annex I.]

C. Election

6. At the 1st meeting, on 24 February 1997, the Working Group elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim (Brazil) and Mr. Derek Osborn (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as Co-Chairmen.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Co-Chairmen made introductory statements.

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At the 1st meeting, on 24 February 1997, the Working Group adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/1997/WG/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21.

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

E. Documentation

9. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the overall progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/CN.17/1997/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to accelerate sustainable development in developing countries and related domestic policies (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on combating poverty (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.2);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on changing consumption patterns (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.3);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on demographic dynamics and sustainability (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.4);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on protecting and promoting human health (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.5);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting sustainable human settlement development (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.6);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on integrating environment and development in decision-making (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.7);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.8);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on an integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.9);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on combating deforestation and the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.10);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.11);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.12);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.13);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on conservation of biological diversity (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.14);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound management of biotechnology (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.15);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.16);

(r) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.17);

(s) Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals, including prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.18);

(t) Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, including prevention of illegal international traffic in hazardous wastes (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.19);

(u) Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.20);

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on safe and environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.21);

(w) Report of the Secretary-General on the role and contribution of major groups (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.22);

(x) Report of the Secretary-General on financial resources and mechanisms (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.23);

(y) Report of the Secretary-General on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.24);

(z) Report of the Secretary-General on science for sustainable development (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.25);

(aa) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting education, public awareness and training (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.26);

(bb) Report of the Secretary-General on national mechanisms and international cooperation for capacity-building in developing countries (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.27);

(cc) Report of the Secretary-General on international institutional arrangements (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.28);

(dd) Report of the Secretary-General on international legal instruments and mechanisms (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.29);

(ee) Report of the Secretary-General on information for decision-making (E/CN.17/1997/2/Add.30);

(ff) Report of the Secretary-General on inventory of ongoing energy-related programmes and activities of entities within the United Nations system, on coordination of such activities and on arrangements needed to foster the linkage between energy and sustainable development within the system (E/CN.17/1997/2/7);

(gg) Report of the Secretary-General on the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development: application and implementation (E/CN.17/1997/2/8);

(hh) Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the freshwater resources of the world (E/CN.17/1997/2/9);

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (E/CN.17/1997/2/14);

(jj) Letter dated 29 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General and transmitting the report of an expert workshop on fostering the linkage between energy and sustainable development within international institutions, held in Vienna from 22 to 24 January 1997 (E/CN.17/1997/2/16).